

# **Music cover collection (Library of Congress)**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Music cover collection

**Dates:** 1830-1880

**Call No.:** LOT 10615

**Physical description:** ca. 1,700 prints : chiefly lithographs, b&w and color, 36 x 28 cm. or smaller.

**Repository:** Prints & Photographs Division,, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Abstract:** These illustrated sheet music covers reflect varied aspects of American history, culture, and politics in the nineteenth century.

**Language:** Collection material in English

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog.

### Subjects:

African Americans, 1830-1880  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Songs & music  
Animals--1830-1880  
Children--United States--1830-1880  
Cities & towns--United States--1830-1880  
Clothing & dress--United States--1830-1880  
Dance--United States--1830-1880  
Domestic life--United States--1830-1880  
Educational facilities--United States--1830-1880  
Emblems--1830-1880  
Entertainers--United States--1830-1880  
Flags--1830-1880  
Love--1830-1880  
Marriage--1830-1880  
Military personnel--United States--1830-1880  
Musical instruments--1830-1880  
Presidents--United States--1830-1880  
Ships--1830-1880  
Sports--1830-1880  
Symbols--1830-1880  
Theatrical productions--United States--1830-1880  
Women--1830-1880

### Genres:

Humorous pictures--1830-1880  
Landscape prints--1830-1880  
Genre prints--American--1830-1880  
Lithographs--American--1830-1880  
Sheet music--American--1830-1880  
Engravings--1830-1880

### Creators:

Brown, George Loring, 1814-1889, artist  
Champney, Benjamin, 1817-1907, artist  
Grain, Frederick, artist  
Hewitt, William Keesey, 1817-1893, artist  
Homer, Winslow, 1836-1910, artist  
Johnston, David Claypoole, 1799-1865, artist

Lane, Fitz Hugh, 1804-1865, artist

## Administrative Information

### Source of Acquisition

Copyright deposit; 1800s to 1960.

Transfer; Music Division; 1961.

Gift; Harry T. Peters; 1961.

### Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

### Additional form available

Digitized images of some items in the collection and their associated identifying information are available through the [Prints & Photographs Online Catalog](#), by searching using the call number "LOT 10615."

### Preferred Citation

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## Biog./History Note

Publishers of nineteenth century sheet music used illustrated covers to promote sales of popular music

## Scope and Content Note

Images reflect varied aspects of American history, culture, and politics of the nineteenth century. Examples of topics depicted include African Americans; animals; children; cities; the Civil War; daily life; dancing; educational institutions; emblems and symbols; entertainers; fashion; flags; genre scenes; landscapes; love and marriage; military personnel; musical instruments and people playing instruments; U.S. Presidents; sports; theater; transportation; and women.

## Organized/Arranged

Organized by broad subject (Views, War, Portraits, Topics) with eighty-eight subdivisions.

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
LOT 10615 (1-7)	<a href="#"><u>Views</u></a>
LOT 10615 (8-14)	<a href="#"><u>War</u></a>
LOT 10615 (15-17)	<a href="#"><u>Portraits</u></a>
LOT 10615 (18-88)	<a href="#"><u>Topics</u></a>

## Container List for Music cover collection

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
LOT 10615 (1-7)	<b>Views</b>  New England (ca. 23 items) LOT 10615-1  East Central States (ca. 25 items) LOT 10615-2  District of Columbia (ca. 3 items) LOT 10615-3  South (ca. 5 items) LOT 10615-4  Midwest (ca. 5 items) LOT 10615-5  Foreign views (ca. 16 items) LOT 10615-6  Discovery & exploration (ca. 2 items) LOT 10615-7
LOT 10615 (8-14)	<b>War</b>  Revolution (ca. 2 items) LOT 10615-8  War of 1812 (1 item) LOT 10615-9  War with Mexico (ca. 5 items) LOT 10615-10

## War

### Container

### Contents

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Pre Civil War

(1 item)

LOT 10615-11

Civil War - Battles

(ca. 6 items)

LOT 10615-12

Civil War - Sentimental

(ca. 3 items)

LOT 10615-13

Civil War - Miscellany

(ca. 11 items)

LOT 10615-14

LOT 10615 (15-17)

### Portraits

Presidents

(ca. 16 items)

LOT 10615-15

Portraits - Men, A-B

(ca. 37 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, C-E

(ca. 47 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, F-J

(ca. 40 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, K-Q

(ca. 43 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, R-S

(ca. 28 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, T-Z

(ca. 20 items)

LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, unidentified

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-16

## Portraits

### Container

### Contents

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Portraits - Women, A-E  
(ca. 29 items)  
LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, F-J  
(ca. 25 items)  
LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, K-O  
(ca. 26 items)  
LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, P-R  
(ca. 17 items)  
LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, S-Z  
(ca. 25 items)  
LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, unidentified  
(1 item)  
LOT 10615-17

LOT 10615 (18-88)

### Topics

Animals  
(ca. 15 items)  
LOT 10615-18

Atlantic cable  
(ca. 4 items)  
LOT 10615-19

Bible scenes  
(ca. 2 items)  
LOT 10615-20

Birds  
(ca. 14 items)  
LOT 10615-21

Birthplace & homes  
(ca. 6 items)  
LOT 10615-22

Businesses  
(ca. 11 items)  
LOT 10615-23

Camps, forts, hospitals  
(ca. 6 items)  
LOT 10615-24

Children  
(ca. 61 items)  
LOT 10615-25

Children's fables & stories  
(ca. 14 items)  
LOT 10615-26

Churches  
(9 items)  
LOT 10615-27

Circus, carnivals, fairs  
(ca. 13 items)  
LOT 10615-28

Clipper ships  
(ca. 16 items)  
LOT 10615-29

Daily life  
(ca. 61 items)  
LOT 10615-30

Dancing  
(ca. 52 items)  
LOT 10615-31

Designs & calligraphy  
(ca. 15 items)  
LOT 10615-32

Eating & drinking  
(ca. 10 items)  
LOT 10615-33

Emblems & symbols  
(ca. 51 items)  
LOT 10615-34

Emigration  
(4 items)  
LOT 10615-35

Fashion  
(ca. 35 items)



LOT 10615-36

Fires & firefighting

(ca. 7 items)

LOT 10615-37

Flags

(ca. 38 items)

LOT 10615-38

Flowers

(ca. 9 items)

LOT 10615-39

Fraternal organizations

(ca. 8 items)

LOT 10615-40

Gold mines & mining

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-41

Harbor views

(ca. 6 items)

LOT 10615-42

Holidays

(ca. 3 items)

LOT 10615-43

Hotels

(ca. 16 items)

LOT 10615-44

Humor

(ca. 29 items)

LOT 10615-45

Indians of North America

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-46

Industry

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-47

Iron clad vessels

(1 item)

LOT 10615-48

## Landscape

(ca. 14 items)

LOT 10615-49

## Literature

(ca. 9 items)

LOT 10615-50

## Log cabins

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-51

## Love, courtship, &amp; marriage

(ca. 62 items)

LOT 10615-52

## Magic

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-53

## Military organizations

(ca. 56 items)

LOT 10615-54

## Mills

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-55

## Money

(ca. 6 items)

LOT 10615-56

## Monuments

(ca. 6 items)

LOT 10615-57

## Music &amp; musical instruments

(ca. 60 items)

LOT 10615-58

## Emancipation

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-59

## Uncle Tom's cabin

(ca. 7 items)

LOT 10615-60

## African American life

(ca. 13 items)

LOT 10615-61

Minstrels

(ca. 36 items)

LOT 10615-62

Pioneers

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-63

Piracy

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-64

Political campaigns in the U.S.

(ca. 9 items)

LOT 10615-65

Political parties in the U.S.

(ca. 4 items)

LOT 10615-66

Political history - foreign

(ca. 5 items)

LOT 10615-67

Religious rites & ceremonies

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-68

Religious groups

(1 item)

LOT 10615-69

Sailors

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-70

Schools, Colleges, & Universities

(ca. 35 items)

LOT 10615-71

Sentimental - death

(ca. 21 items)

LOT 10615-72

Sentimental - men

(ca. 7 items)

LOT 10615-73

Sentimental - women  
(ca. 116 items)  
LOT 10615-74

Sentimental - religion  
(ca. 20 items)  
LOT 10615-75

Sentimental - scenes  
(ca. 37 items)  
LOT 10615-76

Sports  
(ca. 55 items)  
LOT 10615-77

Steamboats  
(ca. 7 items)  
LOT 10615-78

Steamships  
(ca. 6 items)  
LOT 10615-79

Storms at sea  
(ca. 12 items)  
LOT 10615-80

Temperance  
(3 items)  
LOT 10615-81

Theatrical productions  
(ca. 8 items)  
LOT 10615-82

Theatrical groups  
(ca. 27 items)  
LOT 10615-83

Trades & occupations  
(ca. 14 items)  
LOT 10615-84

Transportation  
(ca. 12 items)  
LOT 10615-85

Miscellany  
(ca. 9 items)

## Topics

### *Container*

### *Contents*

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LOT 10615-86

Miscellaneous foreign

(ca. 7 items)

LOT 10615-87

U.S. Navy

(ca. 2 items)

LOT 10615-88